

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Action Item

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Subject: **POST FACT REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURES FOR STIP INTERCITY RAIL PROJECTS, PER STIP GUIDELINES WAIVER 14-06**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) extend the period of project development expenditures by 20 months, to February 28, 2015, for the San Onofre to Pulgas Double Track Phase 1 Project (Project) (PPNO 2094) in San Diego County.

ISSUE:

In June 2011, the Commission approved Resolution MFP-10-24 allocating \$4.2 million in Public Transportation Account funds for the Design phase (PS&E) of this Project. According to the Budget Act of 2010 (Chapter 712, Statutes of 2010), the funds appropriated in this item shall be available for encumbrance and liquidation until June 30, 2016. The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) and the Division of Rail believed that June 30, 2016 represented the deadline for funding. However, it was later discovered that the Commission's policy of timely use of funds for PS&E required PS&E to be completed by June 30, 2013. Therefore, SANDAG is requesting a post fact time extension of 20 months to complete PS&E.

The Project is located in Camp Pendleton on the Los Angeles-San Diego- San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor. The North County Transit District (NCTD) is the owner of the right of way, and operator of the service.

The United States Navy (Navy) is designing improvements at the same location, the Red Beach Bridge Project. The Red Beach Bridge project involves replacement of a concrete arch bridge at Mile Post (MP) 218 with a new, longer span, double track bridge over the Las Flores Creek. The new bridge segment would allow the Marines to pass under the bridge with tanks and landing vehicles for military training between Red Beach and inland sections of the Naval Training Base. The bridge is also vital to maintain mainline LOSSAN rail corridor capacity sufficient to handle freight and passenger service.

In order to minimize any risk of possible redesign to the bridge replacement, SANDAG has been working with NCTD and the Navy to coordinate the designs between the Navy project and the SANDAG project. To date, the Navy has completed the preliminary design and contracted with a design-build firm for the Red Beach Bridge project. It is anticipated that the Navy contractor will complete the final design in July 2014. The coordination with the Navy and NCTD is essential to maximize the benefit to the public investment along this corridor.

SANDAG anticipates it will take an additional seven months to complete the design after the Navy has completed their design. Therefore, SANDAG is requesting a 20 month post fact time extension to February 28, 2015 for the period of project development expenditures.

BACKGROUND:

Current State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Guidelines stipulate that funds allocated for local project development must be expended by the end of the second fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the funds were allocated. The Commission may approve waivers to the timely use of funds deadline one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Government Code Section 14529.8.